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**Subject:** DES 01-0002, Angostura Unit DEIS

Mr. Parr

1 [The National Park Service has no comment on the subject review.]

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1. Noted.

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**From:** "Edward Starr" <estarr57@hotmail.com>  
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**Subject:** ANGOSTURA RESERVOIR

MS MARYANNE BACH, REGIONAL DIRECTOR

I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE ANGOSTURA DAM. ALLTHOUGH THE SERVICE CONTRACT DOES ADDRESS THE WATER NEEDS WHICH INCLUDES RECREATION AND THE RESERVOIR AND AQUATIC AND RIPARIAN HABITAT IN AND ALONG THE CHEYENNE RIVER BELOW THE DAM I BELIEVE IN REESTABLISHING NATURAL FLOWS IN THE RIVER

1 THE DAM. [THE RIVER BELOW THE DAM IS DYING BECAUSE VEGETATION IS NOT GROWING LESS AND THERE IS A LACK OF RENEWABLE TREES.] NATURAL FLOODS WHICH COME AT INTERVALS OF 5, 10, 25, & 50 YEARS IS NEEDED IN SEEDING OF NEW TREES WHICH IS NOT HAPPENING NOW AND AS A LAKOTA PERSON I BELIEVE THAT THE GREAT SPIRIT PLACED THE RIVER HERE AS WITH VEGETATION AND TREES TO PROVIDE A FOOD CHAIN FOR THE FISH AND ANIMALS AND HUMANS. THE ANIMALS DEPEND ON THE TREES, SPECIFICALLY THE COTTONWOOD FOR ITS LIVELIHOOD AND THE WATER WHICH IS PART OF THE FOOD CHAIN. THIS IS SIMILAR TO THE GEESE THAT FLY SOUTH EACH FALL. IF THE MIGRATION OF GEESE IS INTERRUPTED IT WILL HAVE DIRECT AND INDIRECT DEVASTATING EFFECTS ON THE NATURAL ECO-SYSTEM AND ON MANKIND. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO MAKE A SHORT COMMENT ON RECREATION. UPPER-CLASS PEOPLE INFLUENCED CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH THE U.S. PARK SERVICE FOR THE MIDDLE-CLASS WORKING PEOPLE TO RELAX AND PARKS WERE ESTABLISHED FOR THEM. IN THE AREA BELOW THE DAM THE POPULATION IS LESS THAN MIDDLE-CLASS. I URGE YOU NOT TO RECONTRACT FOR ANOTHER 40 YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO ADDRESS THE WATER USE FOR IRRIGATION BELOW THE RIVER BUT I WILL DO THAT AT ANOTHER TIME. THANK YOU.  
EDWARD STARR, INTERESTED PARTY.....

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1. As with other major rivers in the plains, cottonwood trees are declining in the stream corridor below Angostura Dam (see pp. 73-75 of the EIS). Total acreage of all plants—including green ash trees—have increased 605 acres, however, since the dam was built (Figure 3.6). None of the alternatives in the EIS were found to have a limiting effect on wildlife.